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### Cascade County

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Located in central Montana, Cascade County is Montana’s third most populous with 77, 691 residents, according to the 1990 Census.

Great Falls, the county seat, is the state’s second largest city with a population of 55,376. Agriculture, livestock and defense are the industrial backbone of the city’s economy. Malmstrom Air Force Base alone pumps about \$273 million annually into the area’s economy. The city is also a major medical center.

According to the *Montana Almanac*, by authors Andrea Merrill and Judy Jacobson, the county was established in 1887 and both the county and Great Falls were named for the Great Falls of the Missouri River. Paris Gibson was the founder of the city, notes the authors, and the area was Blackfeet Indian territory when Lewis & Clark journeyed through from 1805 to 1806.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Cascade County households in 1989 was \$23,700. The county is 2,673 square miles in area; 2,659 square miles in land area and 14 in inland water area.

County residents experience the four distinct seasons. According to the *Great Falls Weather Service*, the average daily low in Great Falls in January between 1961 and 1990 was 11.6 degrees above zero and average January snowfall 11.1 inches. The average daily high in July was 83.3 degrees above. The annual precipitation during the same period was 15.21 inches and the growing season was from May 12 to Sept. 25.

## Cascade County Population

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Area	2000 Census	7/1/99 Estimate	7/1/98 Estimate	4/1/90 Census	% Change '90 to '00	% Change '90 to '99	% Change '90 to '98
Montana	902,195	862,779	879,533	799,085	12.9%	10.5%	10.1%
Cascade County	Not Available*	76,262	78,556	77,691	Not Available	0.8%	1.1%
Belt	Not Available	544	550	544	Not Available	0.0%	1.1%
Cascade	Not Available	600	605	608	Not Available	-1.3%	-0.5%
Great Falls	Not Available	56,340	56,447	55,376	Not Available	1.7%	1.9%
Neihart	Not Available	49	50	53	Not Available	-7.5%	-5.7%

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Second Quarter 2000 Unemployment Insurance Information.  
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Annual Average Labor Force For Cascade County				
Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
1970	28,653	27,470	1,183	4.1%
1971	30,006	28,523	1,483	4.9%
1972	30,896	29,280	1,616	5.2%
1973	31,119	29,336	1,783	5.7%
1974	31,373	29,658	1,715	5.5%
1975	31,769	29,698	2,071	6.5%
1976	31,570	29,551	2,019	6.4%
1977	33,594	31,478	2,116	6.3%
1978	34,309	31,832	2,477	7.2%
1979	34,014	31,913	2,101	6.2%
1980	33,749	31,281	2,468	7.3%
1981	33,949	31,248	2,701	8.0%
1982	33,481	30,677	2,804	8.4%
1983	33,448	30,441	3,007	9.0%
1984	36,720	34,033	2,687	7.3%
1985	36,281	33,399	2,882	7.9%
1986	36,961	34,129	2,832	7.7%
1987	36,594	33,835	2,759	7.5%
1988	36,274	33,889	2,385	6.6%
1989	39,470	37,435	2,035	5.2%
1990	35,798	33,861	1,937	5.4%
1991	36,317	34,092	2,225	6.1%
1992	36,845	34,506	2,339	6.3%
1993	35,965	33,694	2,271	6.3%
1994	36,946	35,127	1,819	4.9%
1995	36,861	34,850	2,011	5.5%
1996	36,974	35,221	1,753	4.7%
1997	37,786	35,783	2,003	5.3%
1998	38,425	36,302	2,123	5.5%
1999	38,017	35,990	2,027	5.3%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau (2000 Benchmark)

Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Sex 1990 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data Civilian Labor Force-All Persons			
Occupation	Total	Male	Female
<b>Total</b>	33,834	17,556	16,278
<b>Managerial and Professional Specialty Occupations</b>	7,951	3,792	4,159
Executive, Administrative and Managerial Occupations	3,609	2,069	1,540
Professional Specialty Occupations	4,342	1,723	2,619
<b>Technical, Sales and Administrative Support Occupations</b>	10,580	3,816	6,764
Technicians and Related Support Occupations	1,129	449	680
Sales Occupations	4,642	2,480	2,162
Administrative Support Occupations, Including Clerical	4,809	887	3,922
<b>Service Occupations</b>	6,360	2,256	4,104
Private Household Occupations	177	7	170
Protective Service Occupations	490	413	77
Service Occupations, Except Protective and Household	5,693	1,836	3,857
<b>Farming, Forestry, Fishing</b>	1,155	922	233
<b>Precision Production, Craft and Repair Occupations</b>	3,589	3,395	194
Mechanics and Repairers	1,494	1,453	41
Construction Trade	1,455	1,438	17
Extractive Occupations	10	10	0
Precision Production Occupations	630	494	136
<b>Operators, Fabricators and Laborers</b>	3,986	3,301	685
Machine Operators, Assemblers and Inspectors	884	537	347
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	1,633	1,469	164
Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers and Laborers	1,469	1,295	174
<b>Unemployed, No Recent Civilian Work Experience</b>	213	74	139

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Equal Employment Opportunity File, (C0-R0M)

## Resources

⇒ Chamber of Commerce:  
Great Falls Chamber, P.O. Box 2127, Great Falls, MT 59403, 406-761-4434

⇒ Department of Labor and Industry  
**Great Falls Job Service**  
1018 7th St. S., Great Falls, MT 59405, 406-791-5800

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For information on employment by industry, new businesses, labor market information, profile of the Montana worker, job projections and hourly pay by occupation, contact the office at any of the numbers listed on the front of this publication or check out our Internet website at <http://rad.dli.state.mt.us/>.

⇒ Housing:  
Great Falls Association of Realtors, 1016 9th St. S., Great Falls, MT 59405, 406-453-2752

⇒ Internet:  
Montana Job Service home page for job listings at <http://jsd.dli.state.mt.us/>.  
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⇒ Montana Motor Vehicle Division:  
**Drivers' Licensing**  
Great Falls—916 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., Great Falls, MT, 406-761-1251

⇒ Newspapers:  
*Cascade Courier*, P.O. Box 308, Cascade, MT 59421, 406-468-9231, <http://www.mcn.net/~cascadecourier/>  
*Great Falls Tribune*, P.O. Box 5468, Great Falls, MT 59405, 406-791-1444, <http://www.greatfallstribune.com>

⇒ Public Libraries:  
Belt Public Library, 70 Castner St., Belt, MT 59412-0467, 406-277-3136  
Wedsworth Memorial Library, 9 1/2 Front St., Cascade, MT 59421-0526, 406-468-2848  
Great Falls Public Library, 301 2nd Ave. N., Great Falls, MT 59401-2593, 406-453-0349

⇒ Postsecondary Education Institutions:  
**Montana University System**  
Montana State University College of Technology-Great Falls, 2100 16th Ave. S., Great Falls, MT 59405, 800-446-2698, <http://www.msugf.edu/>  
**Independent Colleges**  
University of Great Falls, 1301 20th St. S., Great Falls, MT 59405, 406-761-8210, <http://www.ugf.edu>  
Mountain States Baptist College, 824 3rd Ave. N., Great Falls, MT 59401, 406-761-0308, <http://www.montana.com/fairview/MSBC.html>

⇒ Superintendent of Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:  
Belt Public Schools, P.O. Box 197, Belt, MT 59412, 406-277-3351  
Cascade Public Schools, P.O. Box 307, Cascade, MT 59421, 406-468-9383  
Centerville Public Schools, 693 Highway 227, Sand Coulee, MT 59472, 406-736-5123  
Deep Creek Elementary, 1508 Millegan Road, Great Falls, MT 59405, 406-866-3539  
Great Falls Public Schools, P.O. Box 2429, Great Falls, MT 59403, 406-268-6001  
Sun River Valley Schools, P.O. Box 380, Simms, MT 59477, 406-264-5111  
Ulm Elementary, P.O. Box 189, Ulm, MT 59485, 406-866-3313  
Vaughn Elementary, 480 Central Ave., Vaughn, MT 59487, 406-965-2231

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Cascade County Employment By Industry*							
Annual Averages 1999							
Industry	# of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Paid	Industry	# of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Paid
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	2,683	32,159	\$744,585,248	Auto Dealers-Service Stations	80	974	\$21,172,184
PRIVATE BUSINESS	2,575	28,915	\$597,472,609	Apparel & Accessories	38	342	\$4,285,241
AGRI, FORESTRY, FISH	70	325	\$5,453,491	Furniture Stores	50	312	\$6,153,950
Agri Production/Crops	11	61	\$1,081,102	Eating & Drinking	213	2,922	\$27,127,829
Agri Production/Livestock	11	69	\$1,368,292	Miscellaneous Retail	140	868	\$14,016,630
Agriculture Services	47	195	\$3,004,097	FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	255	2,166	\$66,493,001
MINING	3	64	\$2,729,004	Banking	30	500	\$13,543,957
CONSTRUCTION	293	1,735	\$54,301,249	Credit Agencies	20	218	\$5,801,990
General Building	99	488	\$12,923,361	Security & Commodity	15	241	\$19,662,081
Heavy Construction	18	441	\$18,816,879	Insurance Carriers	36	659	\$18,332,195
Special Trade	175	806	\$22,562,009	Insurance Agents	53	191	\$5,679,633
MANUFACTURING	70	1,304	\$35,586,060	Real Estate	96	351	\$5,406,745
Food Products	12	508	\$18,130,071	Holding & Investments	4	4	\$67,400
Lumber	12	136	\$2,713,147	SERVICES	941	10,311	\$223,965,318
Printing-Publishing	14	382	\$9,569,420	Hotels & Lodging	28	646	\$6,587,548
Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastics	3	24	\$450,191	Personal Services	54	290	\$4,080,516
Stone-Clay-Glass	4	34	\$1,187,863	Business Services	117	1,065	\$15,051,277
Nonelectrical Machinery**	5	10	\$195,802	Auto Repair Services	79	396	\$7,954,734
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	7	27	\$518,605	Miscellaneous Repair Services	30	89	\$2,135,125
TRANS., COMMUN., UTILITIES	132	1,363	\$39,221,217	Motion Pictures	13	141	\$2,361,414
Local Transportation	4	149	\$1,624,116	Amusement & Recreation	63	810	\$8,262,636
Trucking-Warehousing	74	442	\$10,812,989	Health Services	155	3,818	\$111,382,512
Air Transportation	9	154	\$5,920,822	Legal Services	89	387	\$16,408,104
Transport Services	11	65	\$1,366,941	Educational Services	16	392	\$6,514,688
Communication	17	289	\$8,496,583	Social Services	97	1,196	\$18,024,575
Elec., Gas, Sanitation	15	261	\$10,943,439	Museums, Zoos, Etc.	5	63	\$955,042
WHOLESALE TRADE	188	1,891	\$52,167,925	Membership Organizations	64	621	\$9,216,717
Durable Goods	100	999	\$30,122,146	Engineering Services	96	572	\$18,596,773
Nondurable Goods	88	692	\$22,045,780	Private Households	27	37	\$419,211
RETAIL TRADE	616	7,949	\$117,546,994	GOVERNMENT	107	5,244	\$147,112,637
Bldg Materials-Garden	28	380	\$9,218,022	State	19	728	\$18,630,030
General Merchandise	14	1,178	\$16,618,906	Local	45	3,031	\$74,298,091
Food Stores	51	972	\$18,954,432	Federal	43	1,483	\$54,184,516

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)

\*Employment Covered by Unemployment Insurance

\*\*Industrial & Commercial Machinery & Computer Equipment.

## Per Capita Personal Income

	1970	1980	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Montana	\$3,625	\$9,143	\$15,524	\$16,509	\$17,114	\$18,072	\$18,129	\$18,764	\$19,383	\$20,130	\$21,229
% of National Average	89%	90%	79%	82%	81%	83%	80%	80%	79%	78%	78%
Cascade County	\$3,999	\$10,230	\$17,261	\$18,144	\$18,707	\$19,581	\$19,559	\$20,616	\$21,421	\$22,629	\$23,721
% of National Average	98%	100%	88%	90%	89%	90%	87%	87%	87%	87%	87%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System. Released May 2000

PLEASE NOTE: Because of time and budget constraints, we are only able to update our county flyers periodically. Individual tables are updated on a more frequent basis. You can call us if you'd like the most current information for a particular county. The Annual Averages for County Employment By Industry are updated annually, usually in June. The Top Employers are updated annually. Per Capita Income statewide is usually released late spring. Population data for Montana is released in late December and county data in March. The Annual Average Labor Force information is benchmarked annually and numbers available before March. The other tables contain Census information and will be updated every 10 years. You can also look for more current information on our website listed on the front of this publication.

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**Persons by Age, Race and Sex**

School Age	Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific											
	White		Black		American Indian		Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
5-11	7,951	3,857	153	74	547	275	88	38	236	122	65	36
12-14	3,088	1,505	36	15	199	88	38	21	83	40	25	13
15-17	2,767	1,324	30	15	154	75	34	17	61	19	13	4
18-21	3,490	1,680	114	36	203	99	73	36	86	38	27	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,296</b>	<b>8,366</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>1,103</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>56</b>

Working & Voting Age	Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific											
	White		Black		Indian		Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
16+	54,684	28,054	707	270	1,865	1,015	563	385	861	423	288	105
16-64	45,041	22,499	689	258	1,733	939	536	371	815	399	250	97
18+	52,868	27,176	690	261	1,775	972	542	374	826	412	260	103
18-64	43,225	21,621	672	249	1,643	896	515	360	780	388	242	95

Other Age Group	Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific											
	White		Black		American Indian		Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
0-4	5,671	2,811	152	84	397	191	90	41	192	94	58	26
5-17	13,806	6,686	219	104	900	438	160	76	380	181	103	53
18-44	29,179	14,478	586	220	1,234	663	408	275	622	309	206	79
45-64	14,046	7,143	86	29	409	233	107	85	158	79	36	16
62+	11,466	6,558	26	16	181	107	38	23	68	34	24	11
65+	9,643	5,555	18	12	132	76	27	14	46	24	18	8
Total	72,345	36,873	1,061	449	3,072	1,601	792	491	1,398	687	421	182

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Equal Employment Opportunity File, (CD-ROM).

## Cascade County

County of Residence	# Who Work In Cascade County	County of Work	# Who Live In Cascade County
Out of State	121	Out of State	312
Cascade County	33,883	Cascade County	33,883
Chouteau County	101	Chouteau County	60
Gallatin County	29	Flathead County	25
Judith Basin County	64	Gallatin County	28
Lewis & Clark County	97	Hill County	55
Meagher County	23	Judith Basin County	45
Missoula County	65	Lewis & Clark County	90
Pondera County	46	Missoula County	120
Teton County	200	Pondera County	31
Yellowstone County	49	Silver Bow County	30
Other Montana Counties	152	Teton County	140
		Toole County	43
		Yellowstone County	39
		Other Montana Counties	98

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